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1. WE AGREE WITH MOST MISSION VIEWS AND PROPOSALS IN
REFS A AND B, INCLUDING CONTINUED STRONG DEFENSE OF THE
TEXT AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF NATIONAL FOOTNOTES ON MANY
TRIVIAL AND SYNTACTICAL POINTS. WE UNDERSTAND AT LEAST
SOME KEY PERM REPS WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO REMOVE THESE
DEBILITATING DISTRACTIONS BY 8 MAY. SHOULD CORRIGENDUM

INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CHANGES BEYOND THOSE REFLECTED IN REFS A AND B WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE SEPTTEL. WHERE YOU MAINTAINED OR ADDED US FOOTNOTES IN 2 MAY EWG, PLEASE HOLD THAT POSITION. EXCEPT AS INDICATED OTHERWISE BELOW, YOU MAY PROCEED IAW REFS A THRU F.

2. RE PARA 6, 7, 8 REF A, WE CAN ACCEPT MODIFIED PARAS 19 BIS, 21 BIS, 25 BIS, AND 33 BIS WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS.

A. ON PARA 23 BIS, WE FEEL IT VERY IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE CONCEPT OF A SINGLE COORDINATOR AS ESSENTIAL TO PROPER FOLLOW-THROUGH. TO THIS END WE WOULD PREFER DROPPING PENULTIMATE SENTENCE AS TOO LOOSE IN FAVOR OF ADDING TO LAST SENTENCE THE WORDS "INCLUDING DESIGNATION OF SACEUR TO COORDINATE THOSE ASPECTS OF AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM NOT UNDER CNAD PURVIEW." WE WOULD PREFER SIMILAR WORKING FOR PARAS 25 BIS AND PARA 29. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS LATE IN THE DAY, WE ARE PREPARED IF MISSION PREFERS TO LET WHOLE COORDINATOR CONCEPT RIDE ON THE SINGLE REFERENCE IN PARA 40, REF G SO LONG AS, BUT ONLY SO LONG AS, THE APPROPRIATE SPECIFIC REFERENCES ARE MADE IN ANNEXES D, E, F, AND G (SEE PARA 5 BELOW).

B. WE WANT TO HOLD ON PARA 41(A), REF G, ON GROUNDS THAT, ESPECIALLY IF MOST FOOTNOTES FALL AWAY, HEADS OF STATE CAN INDEED "ENDORSE" LTDP INSTEAD OF JUST ITS OBJECTIVES.
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WE COULD STILL DROP "AS A WHOLE," HOWEVER.

3. RE PARA 9A REF B WE CAN ACCEPT PROPOSED UK TEXT IN FOOTNOTE IF EWG AGREES. FYI. WE DO NOT SEE THIS ISSUE WORTHY OF SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT AND LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION ADOPTION OF UK TEXT. END FYI.

4. RE PARA 15B, REF A, HOLD FIRM ON US FOOTNOTE. WE INTEND TO PRESS ADEQUATE "FOLLOW THROUGH ACTION" ALL THE WAY TO SUMMIT IF NECESSARY.

5. RE PARA 11A, REF B, WE CAN ACCEPT MUMFORD SUGGESTION FOR CHANGE, BUT WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY, IF NATIONS AGREE RE PARA 5B(6)(A) REF B THAT SACLANT "WAS ALREADY DOING" THIS JOB, THEY OBJECT TO CONFIRMING THIS ROLE EXPLICITLY. MOREOVER, WE WOULD GLADLY STIPULATE IN EXPLANATORY NOTE THAT COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM MNC AUTHORITY BECAUSE THEY ARE PART OF CNAD ROLE. FYI. WE SEE MORE NATIONS COMING ON BOARD WITH PROGRAM COORDINATOR CONCEPT BETWEEN NOW AND DPC AS RECENT BELGIAN POSITION INDICATES. HENCE WE DO NOT NEED TO FLAG THE TERM "PROGRAM COORDINATOR" UNDULY, SO LONG AS THE ESSENCE OF WHAT WE

WANT IS PROTECTED. THEREFORE, WE PLAN TO TAKE THE
BRACKETED PARAS WHICH "DESIGNATE MNCS TO COORDINATE AND
MONITOR" IN ANNEXES D, E, F, AND G AT LEAST TO MINISTERIAL
IF NECESSARY. BY ALL MEANS SAY SO IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL.
END FYI. - -

6. RE PARA 11B, REF B, AGREE.

7. RE PARA 11C, REF B, YOU CAN WITHDRAW US FOOTNOTE.

8. RE PARA 11D, REF B, WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
ACCEPT NEW PARA 12C, ANNEX H WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION.
CHANGE PARA 12C(II) TO READ "TO DIRECT CNAD TO RESOLVE
ANY REMAINING ISSUES SOONEST AND REPORT BACK TO MINISTERS
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BY THEIR DECEMBER MEETING." WE HOPE YOU WILL PREFACE
THIS CHANGE BY SAYING US REGARDS IT AS A GREAT PITY THAT
THE ONLY MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN ALL OF ANNEX H IS NOW LOST
AS WELL.

9. RE PARA 11E, REF B:

A. WE AGREE TO FRG CHANGE TO PARA 12(F) ANNEX J.

B. ALTHOUGH WE PREFER WORDING IN FIRST BRACKET OF PARA
12(L) WE WILL ACCEPT WORDING IN SECOND BRACKET AS A FALL-
BACK POSITION. YOU SHOULD CONCERT THIS POSITION WITH FRG
REP SINCE THEY JOINED US IN FOOTNOTE. FYI. WE DO NOT
FEEL THIS DIFFERENCE IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO STAND FIRM ON
WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER LOGISTICS ISSUES. END FYI.

10. RE PARA 11(A)(VI) OF ANNEX E, REF G, WE WANT THE TERM
"IN THE CENTRAL REGION" OMITTED. WE ALL MISSED THIS POINT,
WHICH GIVES GREAT PAIN TO THE ARMY, ESPECIALLY SINCE AT
CNAD MEETING SOME NADS USED THIS TO RESILE ON PATRIOT.
MOREOVER, TF-5 REPORT (PAGE F-10) CLEARLY CALLED FOR ALL
KINDS OF SMALLER FORWARD SAMS IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN
REGIONS SO THAT PRESENT STATEMENT IS SIMPLY INACCURATE ON
THE FACE OF IT. SUGGEST YOU ARGUE THAT THIS IS MERELY AN
EDITORIAL CHANGE FOR ACCURACY'S SAKE.

11. TO CONCLUDE, OVER LAST THREE EWG SESSIONS WE HAVE
STEADILY COMPROMISED TO REACH CONSENSUS WITH ALLIES. WITH
THIS LAST SET OF COMPROMISES, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE GONE AS
FAR AS WE CAN WITHOUT LOSING ESSENTIAL US POSITIONS. WE
ARE NOW DOWN TO GUT ISSUES WHICH, UNLESS ALLIES SHOW MORE
GIVE, WE SHOULD TAKE TO DPC MINISTERIAL.

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